



House Bill No. 6796

Public Act No. 15-125

AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

(a) (1) Each local or regional board of education shall (A) appoint one or more school nurses or nurse practitioners, and (B) maintain a staffing ratio that is not less than one school nurse or nurse practitioner for each seven hundred fifty students within the school district under such board's jurisdiction. A school nurse or nurse practitioner may provide services to one or more local or regional boards of education, provided such boards ensure that the staffing requirements prescribed in this subdivision are met. A local or regional board of education may annually request a waiver from the staffing ratio requirement in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. The commissioner may approve a waiver request for a period of one year if, in the commissioner's discretion, the maintenance of such staffing ratio, as balanced against other needs of the school district under such board's jurisdiction, would result in an adverse impact on the student population.

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(2) Such school nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall [be qualified pursuant to regulations] meet the educational requirements and other qualifications specified in regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the Department of Public Health. In addition to meeting such educational requirements and other qualifications, each school nurse or nurse practitioner shall complete the school nurse orientation program offered by the state Department of Education and the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut not later than one year after his or her date of hire, provided such school nurse or nurse practitioner has not previously completed the school nurse orientation program.

(3) Such school nurses may also act as visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of pupils in the public schools and shall assist in executing the orders of the school medical advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform such other duties as are required by such board.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by parents or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

(c) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or under contract with any local or regional board of education and any nurse provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section 10-217a shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with the provisions of section 29-17a.

Vetoed June 30, 2015